

REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 3, 2009. Applicants elect herewith the invention of the active claims that corresponds to those of Group II, Claims 13 and 14, drawn to a composition. Applicants herewith add new claims 17 to 21, which also are directed to compositions. Thus, with the entry of this amendment, claims 1-12 and 15-16 are withdrawn, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 13, 14 and 17-21 are presented for examination. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisionals. However, applicants also request rejoinder of the non-elected claims when the elected claims are found allowable. At that time, applicants will amend the non-elected claims to reflect the scope of the allowed claims.

With regard to the Examiner's citation of US Patent No. 6,740,775, applicants point out that this reference does not teach or suggest a pharmaceutical composition stabilized by selection of specific ratios of the pravastatin sodium to microcrystalline cellulose or the ratio of pravastatin sodium to alcohol in a wet phase. Applicants have amended claims 13 and 14 and added new claims 17-21 to more clearly highlight these distinctions. No new matter is added with the new claims or amendments to the claims.

Applicants herewith amend the specification to correct an obvious error. No new matter is added with the deletion of a parenthetical, editorial comment that should have been removed prior to filing.

Examination on the merits is anxiously awaited.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, for any reason related to the advancement of this case.

It is not believed that any fees are due. In the event this is not correct or in the event that an extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 029489-00023.

Respectfully submitted,

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